

THE PORTER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Master's Degree Program, Thesis Track – M.A. or M.Sc.

The Master's Degree Program, Thesis Track, is an interdisciplinary environmental studies program leading to an M.A. or M.Sc. degree.

Priority is given to research areas with an interdisciplinary orientation demonstrated by the integration of different fields, most often from different faculties.

Academic responsibility lies with the Teaching Committee of the program, which is made up of representatives of the different faculties, and with the student's supervisors who will be selected in line with the chosen track (M.A. or M.Sc.) and the subject of the student's thesis.

The Porter School of Environmental Studies is responsible for administrative management of the program.

The program is comprised of 28 semester hours and a thesis. The program includes unique core courses taken by all students plus elective courses within the different tracks. The Teaching Committee together with student supervisors will create a study program for each student in line with the program's guidelines.

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- The study program for the Master's degree lasts two years. In special circumstances it is possible to extend the study program by one year. This extension must be approved by the Teaching Committee of the school.
- The program has two tracks, M.A. and M.Sc., both including a research thesis.
- Students in the program are required to have background knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from supplementary courses within the program. The supplementary courses taken will not be included in the quota of hours needed to receive the Master's degree.¹

¹ Up to 4 semester hours of supplementary courses can be counted towards the Master's degree as elective courses.

- Candidates for the Master's degree program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another recognized university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 85. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the school's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

All candidates interested in applying to the Master's Degree Program, Thesis Track should include the following documents in their university application pack:

1. Curriculum vitae including details of experience in the environmental field, if any.
2. Two references, including at least one from a referee in academia.
3. A document detailing research interests and intentions. The letter should be typed with 1.5 line spacing and should be no more than one page in length.

Given that interdisciplinary research is an obligatory part of the program, interested applicants are advised to make contact with relevant supervisors as early as possible, and to formulate their research area together with their supervisors. Students who do not contact supervisors sufficiently early are at risk of not finding appropriate supervisors because they will already be committed to other students.

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the school secretariat: Room 458 D, the Gilman Building, tel: 640 5154 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details of the program of study can be found on the school website:

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/pageENG.asp?catID=13> (English – overview)

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/page.asp?catID=13> (Hebrew – detailed)

Master's Degree Program, Non-thesis TrackThe Master's Degree Program, Non-thesis Track, is an

interdisciplinary environmental studies program leading to an M.A. degree.

Courses are given in a variety of fields within the broad field of environmental studies. Three tracks are offered: economic and environmental resource management, green building, environment, society and planning. It is recommended that students choose one of the three tracks, but students are permitted to combine courses from all options.

Academic responsibility lies with the Teaching Committee of the program, which is made up of representatives of the different faculties.

The Porter School of Environmental Studies is responsible for administrative management of the program.

The program is comprised of 36 semester hours and a final project. The program includes unique core courses taken by all students plus elective courses within the different tracks. In addition, the program's curriculum includes seminar courses and introductory courses for those who need.

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- The study program for the non-thesis Master's degree lasts two years. In special circumstances it is possible to extend the study program by one year. This extension must be approved by the Teaching Committee of the school.
- The program leads to an M.A. degree.
- Students in the program are required to have background knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from supplementary courses within the program. The supplementary courses taken will not be included in the quota of hours needed to receive the Master's degree.²
- Candidates for the Master's degree program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another recognized university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 85. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the school's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

² Up to 4 semester hours of supplementary courses can be counted towards the Master's degree as elective courses.

All candidates interested in applying to the Master's Degree Program, Non-thesis Track should include the following documents in their university application pack:

1. Curriculum vitae including details of experience in the environmental field, if any.
2. Two references, including at least one from a referee in academia.

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the school secretariat: Room 459, the Gilman Building, tel: 640 8116 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details of the program of study can be found on the school website:

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/pageENG.asp?catID=293> (English – overview)

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/page.asp?catID=293> (Hebrew – detailed)

International Master's Degree Program

The International Master's Degree Program is an interdisciplinary environmental studies program leading to an M.A. degree.

All courses are held in English.

Academic responsibility lies with the Academic Committee of the program, which is made up of representatives of the different faculties.

The Porter School of Environmental Studies is responsible for administrative management of the program.

The program is comprised of 38 semester hours and a final project. The program includes unique core courses taken by all students plus elective courses.

- The duration of the International Master's Degree Program is one year (three semesters).
- The program is open to students from all backgrounds. Students are expected to obtain core knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from introductory courses taken in the first semester of the program.

- Candidates for the International Master's Degree Program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another accredited university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 80. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the program's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

All candidates interested in applying to the International Master's Degree Program should visit the TAU International website to apply to the program: <http://international.tau.ac.il/>

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the program secretariat: Room 489, the Gilman Building, tel: 640 6616 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details on the program of study can be found on the Porter School website:

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/pageENG.asp?catID=250>